

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A digital video-data recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:

5 a communications unit which is to be connected to a network and which transmits and receive data;

a reservation-storing unit which stores recording reservation data provided from the network; and

10 a data-acquiring unit which transmits a request for the recording reservation data to an information-providing site connected to the network, in response to a request transmitted from an information terminal connected to the network, acquires the recording reservation data provided from the information-providing site, and transfers the recording reservation data to the reservation-storing unit.

15 2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data-acquiring unit generates and transmits data-acquisition data to the information terminal via the communications unit after acquiring the recording reservation data, the data-acquisition data indicating that the data-acquiring unit has acquired the recording reservation data.

20 25 3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data-acquiring unit transmits the recording reservation data acquired from the information-providing site, to the information terminal via the network.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
the reservation-storing unit and the data-acquiring  
unit shares a memory which is configured to store the  
recording reservation data, and the memory stores  
5 recording reservation data changed or containing  
additional data items and transmitted from the  
information terminal to the data-acquiring unit via the  
communications unit.

5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
10 the network is the Internet, the recording reservation  
data is electronic program guide information, the  
information terminal is connected to the Internet, the  
information-providing site is connected to the Internet  
and provides electronic program guide information, and  
15 the data-acquiring unit acquires the electronic program  
guide information by downloading the same, in response  
to a request made by the information terminal.

6. A method of reserving the recording of a  
program, for use in a data recording/reproducing  
20 apparatus which comprises a communications unit  
connected to a network and which stores recording  
reservation data provided from an external device via  
the network, said method comprising:  
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receiving a request for acquiring the recording  
reservation data, from an information terminal  
connected to the network;

transmitting a request for the recording

reservation data to an information-providing site connected to the network, in response to the request for acquiring the recording reservation data; and  
5 acquiring and storing the recording reservation data provided from the information-providing site.

7. The method according to claim 6, further comprising:

transmitting data indicating data-acquisition to the information terminal after the recording  
10 reservation data is acquired from the information-providing site.

8. The method according to claim 6, further comprising:

transmitting the recording reservation data is  
15 acquired from the information-providing site, to the information terminal.

9. The method according to claim 6, further comprising:

receiving the recording reservation data changed  
20 or containing additional data items, from the information terminal; and

storing the recording reservation data into a memory.

10. The method according to claim 6, wherein the  
25 network is the Internet, the recording reservation data is electronic program guide information, the information terminal is connected to the Internet, the

information-providing site is connected to the Internet and provides electronic program guide information, and the electronic program guide information is acquired by downloading the same from the information-providing

5 site.